

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3437

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, petition of Bruce J. Ayers relative to providing for an investigation by the Inspector General of leasing practices of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO CONDUCT  
A STUDY OF LEASING PRACTICES UTILIZED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS  
WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The inspector general is hereby authorized and directed to  
2 expend an amount not exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dol-  
3 lars to study all Massachusetts water resources authority leasing  
4 agreements in which the authority is either the lessor or lessee of  
5 real property. This study shall include, but not be limited to, an  
6 analysis, appraisal, evaluation and listing of all real property  
7 owned or under the control of the authority and shall detail  
8 whether such property is generating a positive or negative eco-  
9 nomic impact for ratepayers in the authority's district. Said study  
10 shall document whether all such real property leases have been  
11 authorized in accordance with all applicable or generally accepted  
12 principles of advertising and procurement. The inspector general  
13 shall include his recommendations for improving real property  
14 oversight at the authority and, if indicated by his findings, shall  
15 provide draft legislation to improve administration in this area to  
16 ensure the authority is receiving the maximum feasible return and  
17 is applying the same for the benefit of ratepayers. The inspector  
18 general shall complete this study no later than October 15, 2003  
19 and shall submit his findings and recommendations to the house  
20 and senate committees on ways and means not later than  
21 December 15, 2003.

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